

MAYOR'S CORNER

WELCOME TO 2021! A new year brings optimism and encourages us to set goals. This doesn't mean that we forget what has happened to us throughout 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic brought tragic loss of family, friends, and co-workers. It has altered plans of vacation, holiday gatherings, weddings, and graduations. Even the desire to be with loved ones in the hospital or nursing homes was stolen from us by this virus. Businesses had to re-invent themselves so that clients and customers had access to their services. Restaurants were constantly challenged. Churches, social functions, schools, teachers..., the list goes on. Was it difficult? YES! Are we finished with this challenge? NO! However, we have grown. Romans Chapter 5, verses 3-4 says: "We glory in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

So again, I say, WELCOME TO 2021! We have persevered and strengthened our character and now we embrace the New Year with hope. We will boldly set goals to improve health, finances, and spirit. We realize that many of our New Year's resolutions are never achieved. However, the ones that are successful will far outshine the ones in which we fail. There is vibrance and energy when goals are achieved. Improve yourself and you will lift those who depend on you.

I promise you that as your mayor, I will set goals to enhance our quality of life in New Market. During

the first 6 months of my term, the council and I have "planted seeds" for the growth of our town. Together with our town staff, we have navigated the tumultuous financial burdens forced upon us by COVID-19. During 2021 we will pursue these goals.

One of the projects on our list is to enhance the park on the north end of town. This is the location of the Rebels Baseball Field and Community Center. A huge thank you goes out to Bruce Alger and the Rebels Board for rebuilding the outfield fence, removal of trees, and installing a Hall of Fame wall. Bruce and the board had the insight to seize the cancelled baseball season as a time to improve the facility. The adjacent Community Center is developing upon its potential to expand its services to New Market and the southern district of Shenandoah County. Please remember that a small community as ours depends greatly upon the labor and finances of individual citizens, social organizations, churches, and businesses to establish and maintain these facilities.

For these reasons, it gives me great pleasure to thank all the individuals, businesses, and organizations of the past and future, for giving unselfishly of your labor and donations to enhance New Market.

So, 2021, WE WELCOME YOU and the opportunities that you present us!

Larry A. Bompiani
Mayor of New Market

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town Office will be closed:

Friday, January 1, 2021
Monday, January 18, 2021

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The Town will remove and dispose of your live discarded Christmas trees from January 4, 2021 – January 8, 2021. Please place your tree curbside for prompt removal.



NEW MARKET LIBRARY

New Market Library continues to observe Covid precautions for the safety of our volunteers and patrons. We are open from 12:00-5:00 on Tuesdays and Fridays for picking up holds. Holds can be made using your library card through the Shenandoah County Library on-line card catalog. If you do not have a computer or need assistance in placing a hold, call the library 740-8650 or the county library at 984-8200.

Adult programs and children's programs at the library are not being held at this time. However, each week a volunteer reads a book for children to enjoy; the video is posted on the New Market Area Library Facebook page. The Facebook page also has videos of virtual programs held the past months. Miss Erica from the Shenandoah County library is sharing weekly stories and songs. These can be accessed through the county website <https://countylib.org/>. Watch our Face Book page for updates on programs and reopening.

RESPONSIBILITIES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember to do your part to keep the sidewalks open and clear for those wishing to use them this winter season. In 2004 the Town Council passed an ordinance in which property owners are responsible for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks along their property. The Town thanks you for promptly clearing your sidewalk for the benefit of not only you, but for your neighbors and the entire community as well. Please contact the town office for details pertaining to the Town Ordinance.

If you are unable to clear snow on or along your property you will need to find someone to assist you. There are many people who offer this service. It would be wise to seek out help before the winter weather arrives.

Please also maintain access to your water meter. Trimming foliage and clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit can ensure proper access to your water meter. Maintaining access to your water meter will assist us with:

- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water inside your location.
- Emergency water meter maintenance.

NEW MARKET/MT. JACKSON LITTLE LEAGUE

Who: Children ages 4-16

When: December 1 - February 6

Where: www.mjnmlittleleague.com

Cost: \$55 (December 1 - December 31);

\$60 (January 1 - February 6);

Discounts for multiple children.



WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES

The onset of the Holidays often brings cold weather and snow right along with it. Whether the storm totals 1" or 12"+, winter weather presents challenges for all of us. Here are a few tips in advance of this winter season:

- Be prepared: Predicting weather seems to be a challenge even with advances in 21st century meteorology. With few exceptions winter storms are rarely a total surprise. Winter weather advisories are usually posted days in advance of the storm. Use that time to restock your medications, food and other essentials.
- Be careful: It may seem like an overused piece of advice, but when you travel unnecessarily on snow covered roads you put yourself and your vehicle at risk and make clearing roads that much more challenging. For those of you who do have to travel, plan ahead and leave yourself extra time to get to your destination.
- Be patient: Removing snow from streets takes time. Storm duration, temperature and sunlight all affect how quickly streets are cleared. Often it's not until the sun returns and day time temperatures exceed 32 degrees that frozen snow and ice on streets can completely be removed.
- Be helpful: After the snow has stopped, please help keep your neighbors and friends safe by clearing the sidewalk(s) that fronts your property. It's not only the right thing to do; it's also required by town ordinance.



**AMERICAN LEGION
HASSLER-SUTPHIN
POST 166 – (540) 740-8653
Ronald Thompson – 540-246-7901**

The Legion is now open from 4:00 p.m. until, Tuesday through Friday. For further information, you can call the Legion or e-mail Commander Ronald Thompson, at thomps548@gmail.com. Take-out is available. You can call Jeannie after 4:00 p.m. Facemasks and social distancing are recommended.

The following officers were elected to serve during the 2020-21 year.

- Commander – Ronald Thompson – 540-246-7901
- Vice-Commander – Mitch Chambliss – 703-509-6958
- Adjutant – Stanley Thompson – 540-379-8510
- Chaplain – Wilmer Olinger – 540-740-8976

Steak suppers are held on the 1st Friday and shrimp suppers are held on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 5:00 pm. These suppers are open to the public and are held in the clubroom.

If you have e-mail, please let Commander Thompson know, so you can receive the latest Legion updates.

The commander is also scheduling another yard sale for later in the year. If you still have some items you would like to donate you can drop them off at the Legion picnic pavilion, or call the Commander for pick-up.

All veterans honorably discharged after December, 1941 and Sons of a veteran, are now eligible to join the Legion. You can contact Tim Palmer at 703-863-0463 or Adjutant Stanley Thompson, for more information. Also, if you are a family member of a veteran, you can join the Auxiliary.

The Legion's meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome, even Auxiliary members.

Let us schedule your party, meetings, reunions, receptions, banquet or other events in our social hall, located at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Contact Commander Thompson at 540-246-7901, or the Post after 4:30 p.m., Tuesday Through Friday.

We have the honor to collect and retire the colors which have served us for many years on a great variety of occasions. Please leave them in the drop box located in our parking lot at 202 E. Old Cross Rd. Do not leave them in bags or boxes which can be disposed of in the dumpster next to the drop box. We shall retire them with the respect they so well deserve.

USA – “Home of the Free, Because of the Brave”

MAINTAIN ACCESS TO YOUR WATER METER

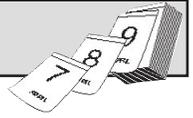
It is very important that customers maintain clear access to their water meters from the public right-of-way. Obstacles that may block the radio signals include building materials, foliage and metal objects located between the street and the meter pit.

All town water customers are responsible for the upkeep of the area between their meter pit and the street. Please assist us by trimming foliage and by clearing snow and ice from the lid of the meter pit. Landscaping or fencing should be kept at least 1-3 feet from the meter pit.

Maintain access to your water meter to assist us with:

- Meter Reading
- Emergency shutoffs (for frozen pipes) when you are away from home or are unable to turn off the water yourself; and
- Emergency water meter maintenance

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2021

- 1 Town Office Closed in Observance of New Years
- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 18 Town Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
(Tuesday instead of Monday)

February 2021

- 15 Water/Sewer Bills Due
- 15 Town Office Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
- 16 Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
(Tuesday instead of Monday)

TOWN OF NEW MARKET CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Services:

Emergencies: 911
 Shenandoah County Dispatch: 540-459-6101
 Police Department: 540-740-3776
 Fire and Rescue: 540-740-8904

New Market Town Office: 540-740-3432
 Dispatch: 540-459-6101
 (After-hours and weekend Water/Sewer Emergencies)

Town of New Market

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 (540) 740-3432 • www.newmarketvirginia.com
 9418 John Sevier Road • P.O. Box 58 • New Market, VA 22844

TOWN COUNCIL

Larry Bompiani, Mayor • Peggy Harkness, Vice Mayor
 Scott Wymer • Doug Bradley • Daryl Watkins • Bob King • Janice Hannah
 Jason J. Ham, Town Attorney

ADMINISTRATION

J. Todd Walters *Town Manager*
 Chris Rinker *Police Chief*
 Teresa Green *Town Treasurer*

Donna Lohr *Administrative Assistant*
 Lindsey Kipps *Office Assistant*
 Amber Smoot *Events & Marketing Director*

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